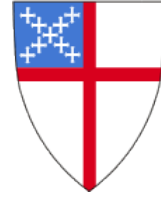


**Lessons for October 29th, 2017
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**



First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Hear the Word of God as it is written in Leviticus chapter 19 verses 1 to 2 and 15 to 18.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 1

Let us all stand and read Psalm 1 responsively by verse.

1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

3

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Hear the Word of God as it is written in First Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 1 to 8.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.